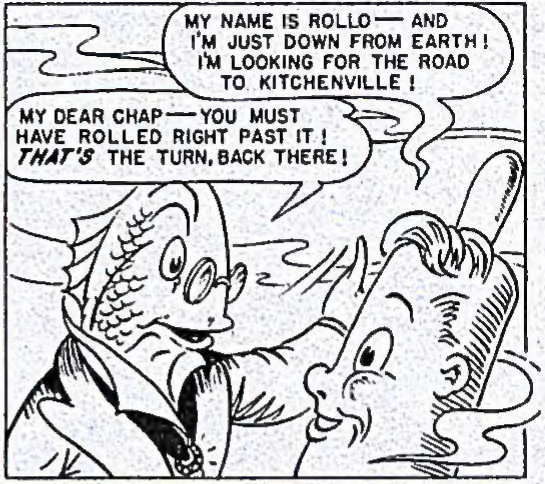
# Land of the Lost

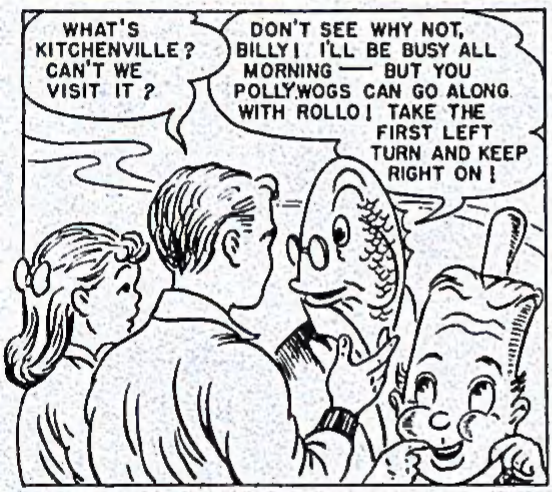
WHEN ISABEL AND BILLY TAKE HOLD OF THEIR MAGIC SEAWEED (WHICH ENABLES THEM TO BREATHE UNDER WATER) AND FOLLOW THE WISE TALKING FISH, *RED LANTERN*, TO THE LAND OF THE LOST, THEY MEET MANY STRANGE CREATURES. FOR ALL LOST THINGS FIND THEIR WAY TO THIS ENCHANTED KINGDOM AND THERE THEY, TOO, COME TO LIFE.

THIS TIME ISABEL AND BILLY VISIT KITCHENVILLE, AND MEET EGBERT THE EGG-BEATER AND HIS CROOKED FRIEND, TWISTY CORKSCREW, IN THE EXCITING STORY OF...

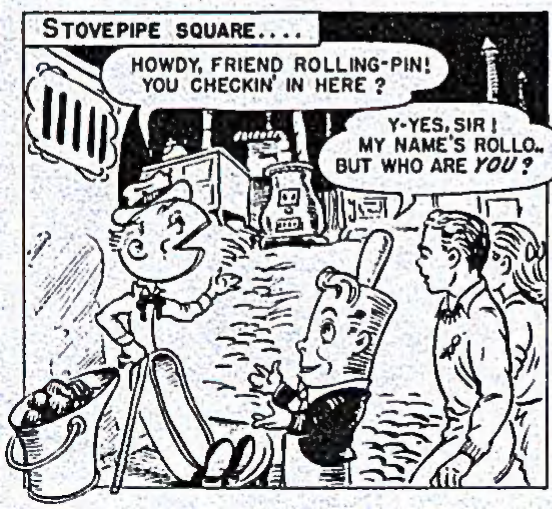
## The KITCHENVILLE POLICE

SWAB MY DECKS—IT'S NOT A FISH AT ALL! IT'S A *ROLLING-PIN!*
THAT'S ME! HOW DOUGH YOU DOUGH?


MY NAME IS ROLLO— AND I'M JUST DOWN FROM EARTH! I'M LOOKING FOR THE ROAD TO KITCHENVILLE!
MY DEAR CHAP—YOU MUST HAVE ROLLED RIGHT PAST IT! *THAT'S* THE TURN, BACK THERE!

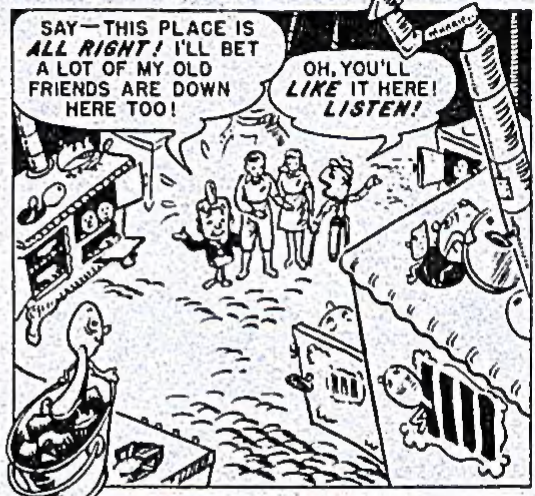

WHAT'S KITCHENVILLE? CAN'T WE VISIT IT?
DON'T SEE WHY NOT, BILLY! I'LL BE BUSY ALL MORNING— BUT YOU POLLYWOGS CAN GO ALONG WITH ROLLO! TAKE THE FIRST LEFT TURN AND KEEP RIGHT ON!

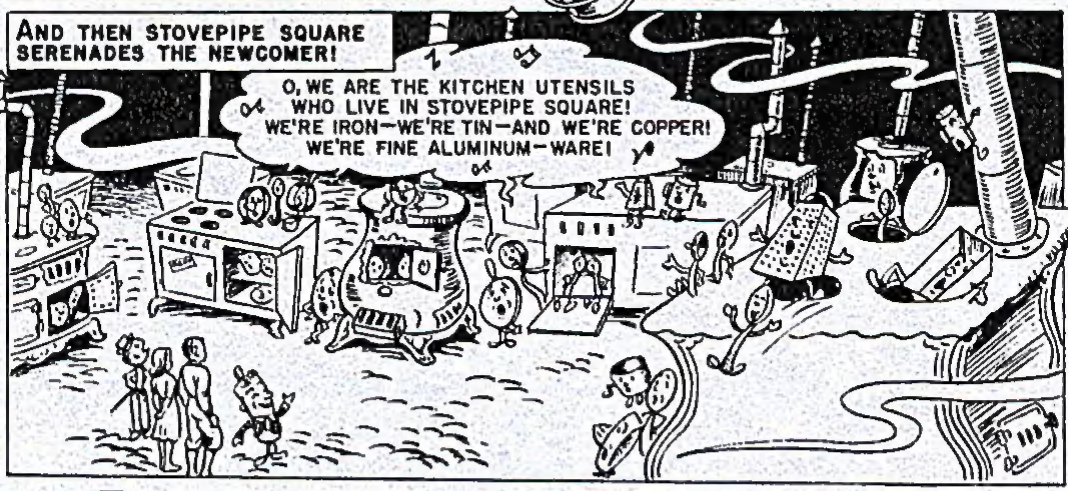
DON'T YOU MIND BEING LOST, ROLLO?
WELL, I'LL MISS THE OLD GANG AT HOME, BUT---SAY! THAT MUST BE STOVEPIPE SQUARE UP AHEAD!
STOVEPIPE SQUARE

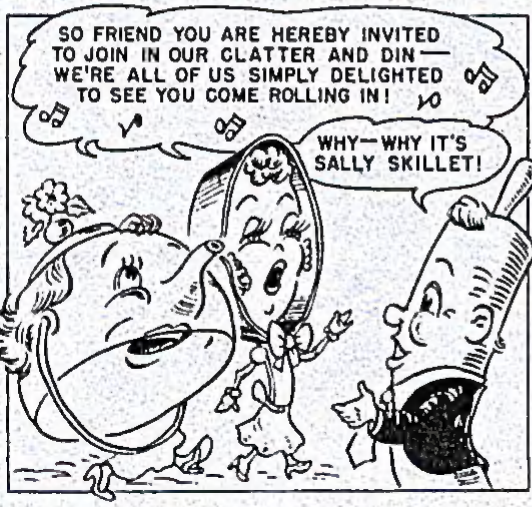

STOVEPIPE SQUARE....
HOWDY, FRIEND ROLLING-PIN! YOU CHECKIN' IN HERE?
Y-YES, SIR! MY NAME'S ROLLO.. BUT WHO ARE *YOU?*

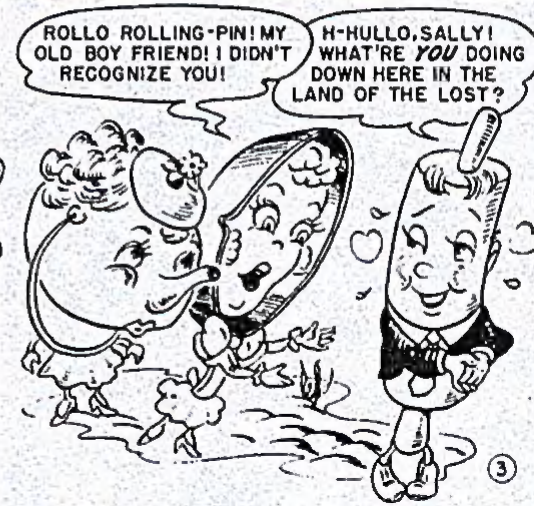
I'M OLD "POP" BOTTLE OPENER! JUST CALL ME POP! AND WELCOME TO KITCHENVILLE!

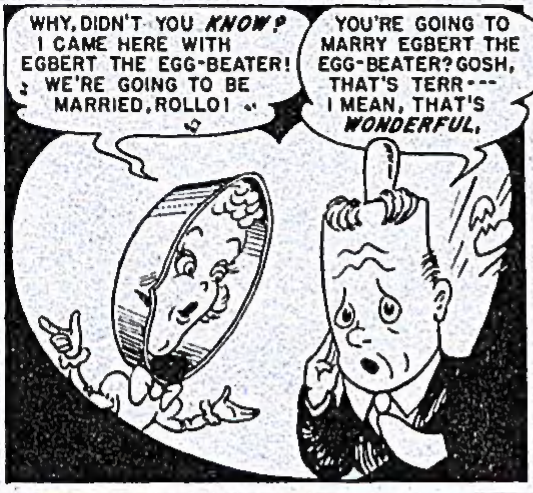
I GUESS THIS IS WHERE THE POTS AND PANS LIVE!
HEY THERE, EVERYBODY! OPEN UP THE OVEN DOORS AND GIVE THIS NEW ROLLING PIN A WARM WELCOME!


SAY—THIS PLACE IS *ALL RIGHT!* I'LL BET A LOT OF MY OLD FRIENDS ARE DOWN HERE TOO!
OH, YOU'LL *LIKE* IT HERE! *LISTEN!*

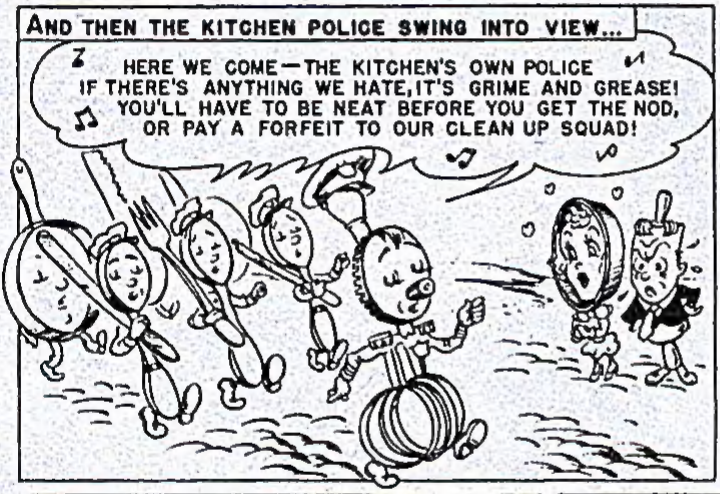

AND THEN STOVEPIPE SQUARE SERENADES THE NEWCOMER!
O, WE ARE THE KITCHEN UTENSILS WHO LIVE IN STOVEPIPE SQUARE! WE'RE IRON—WE'RE TIN—AND WE'RE COPPER! WE'RE FINE ALUMINUM—WARE!


SO FRIEND YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO JOIN IN OUR CLATTER AND DIN—WE'RE ALL OF US SIMPLY DELIGHTED TO SEE YOU COME ROLLING IN!
WHY—WHY IT'S SALLY SKILLET!


ROLLO ROLLING-PIN! MY OLD BOY FRIEND! I DIDN'T RECOGNIZE YOU!
H-HULLO, SALLY! WHAT'RE *YOU* DOING DOWN HERE IN THE LAND OF THE LOST?

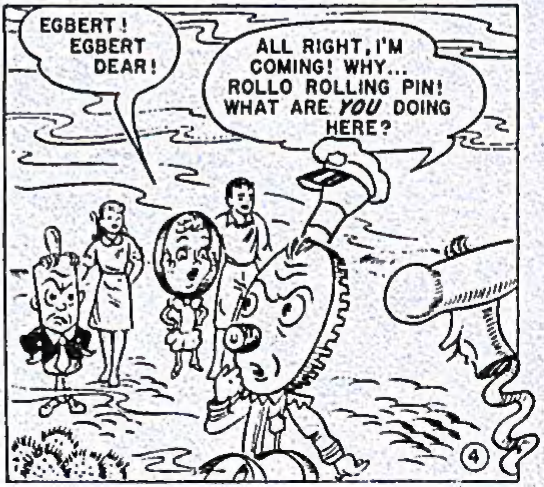

WHY, DIDN'T YOU KNOW? I CAME HERE WITH EGBERT THE EGG-BEATER! WE'RE GOING TO BE MARRIED, ROLLO!
YOU'RE GOING TO MARRY EGBERT THE EGG-BEATER? GOSH, THAT'S TERR--- I MEAN, THAT'S WONDERFUL.

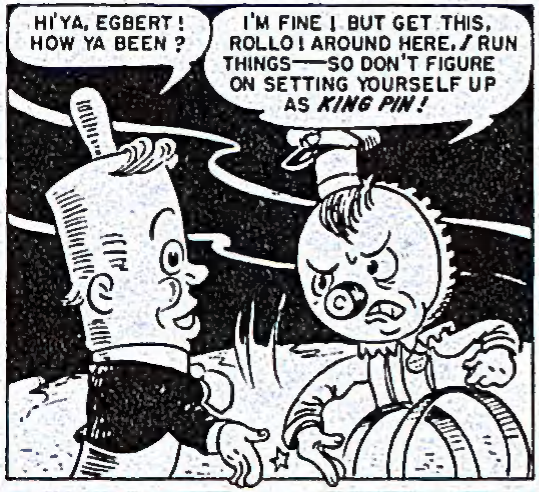
IT SURE IS! AND EGBERT'S BEEN MADE CHIEF OF THE KITCHEN POLICE? LISTEN! HERE THEY COME NOW! MAYBE EGBERT CAN GET YOU A JOB AT THE FLOUR MILL...
THANKS, BUT I DON'T WANT ANY HELP FROM HIM!
THUMP THUMP
THUMP THUMP

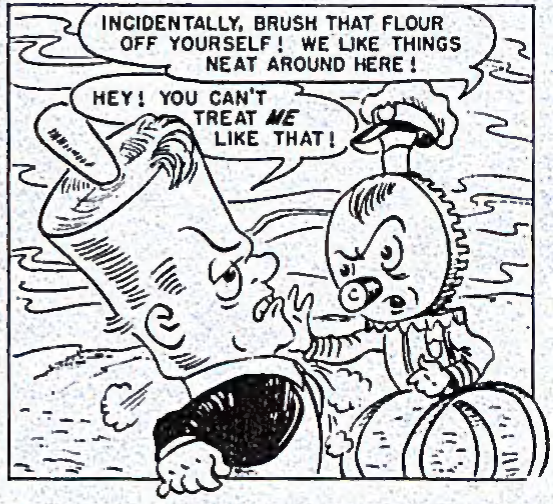

AND THEN THE KITCHEN POLICE SWING INTO VIEW...
HERE WE COME—THE KITCHEN'S OWN POLICE IF THERE'S ANYTHING WE HATE, IT'S GRIME AND GREASE! YOU'LL HAVE TO BE NEAT BEFORE YOU GET THE NOD, OR PAY A FORFEIT TO OUR CLEAN UP SQUAD!

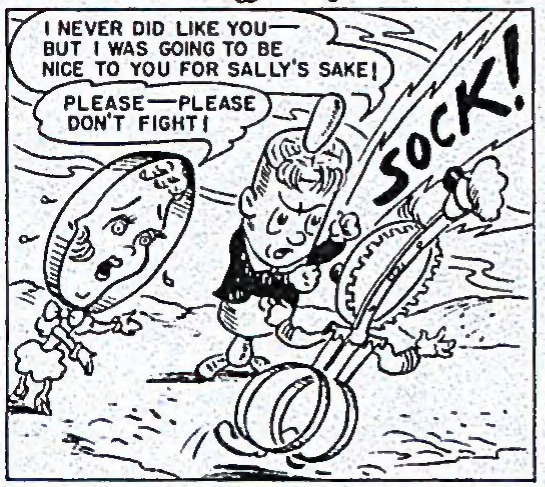
THAT'S ALL FOR TODAY, MEN! COMPANY DISMISSED!
PSST! I WANNA TALK TO YOU, EGBERT!

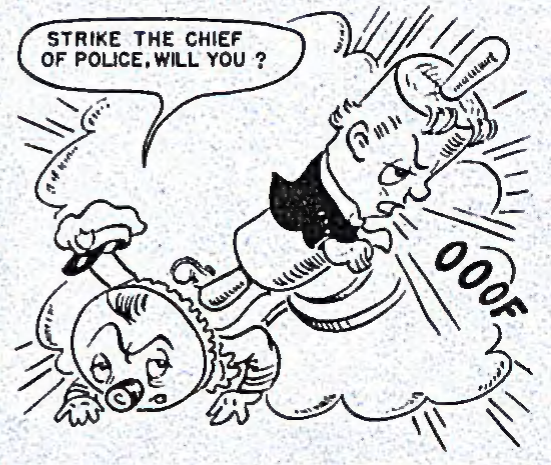
EGBERT'S ALWAYS WITH THAT CROOKED LIEUTENANT TWISTY! I'LL CALL HIM OVER!
SO THAT'S EGBERT!


EGBERT! EGBERT DEAR!
ALL RIGHT, I'M COMING! WHY... ROLLO ROLLING PIN! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?


HI'YA, EGBERT! HOW YA BEEN?
I'M FINE! BUT GET THIS, ROLLO! AROUND HERE, I RUN THINGS—SO DON'T FIGURE ON SETTING YOURSELF UP AS KING PIN!


INCIDENTALLY, BRUSH THAT FLOUR OFF YOURSELF! WE LIKE THINGS NEAT AROUND HERE!
HEY! YOU CAN'T TREAT ME LIKE THAT!


I NEVER DID LIKE YOU—BUT I WAS GOING TO BE NICE TO YOU FOR SALLY'S SAKE!
PLEASE—PLEASE DON'T FIGHT!
SOCK!


STRIKE THE CHIEF OF POLICE, WILL YOU?
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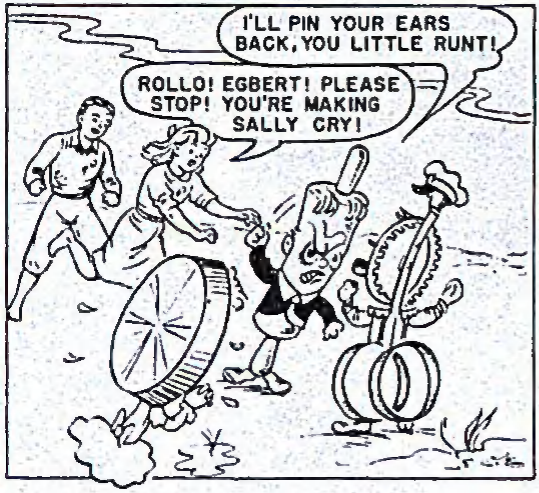
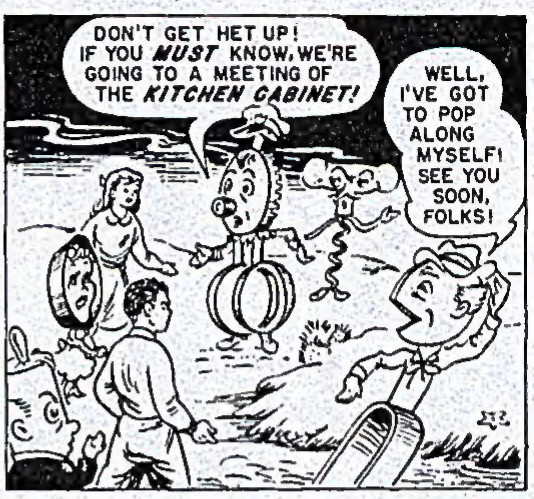
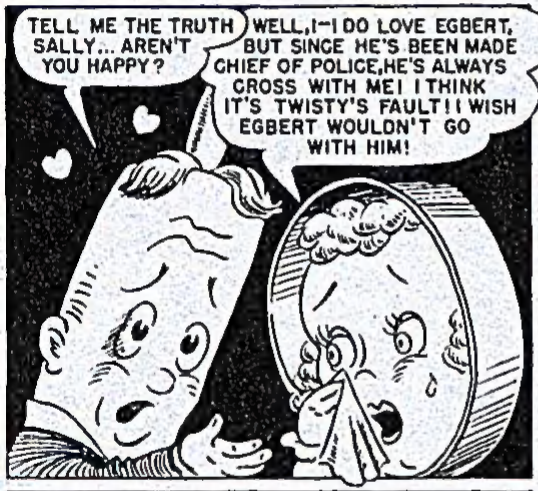

I'LL PIN YOUR EARS BACK, YOU LITTLE RUNT!
ROLLO! EGBERT! PLEASE STOP! YOU'RE MAKING SALLY CRY!

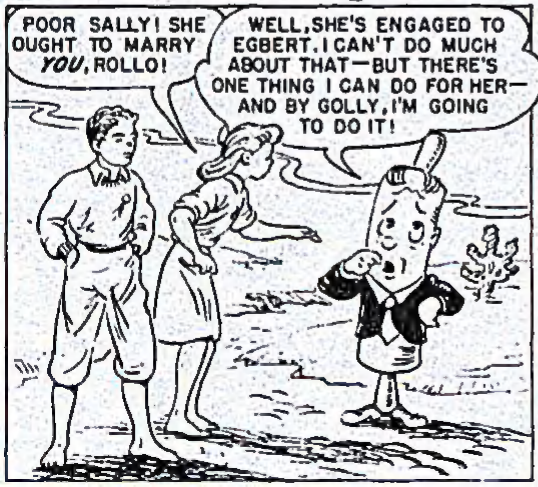
THAT'LL BE ENOUGH OF THAT!
GOSH, I'M SORRY! I DIDN'T MEAN TO UPSET YOU, SALLY!

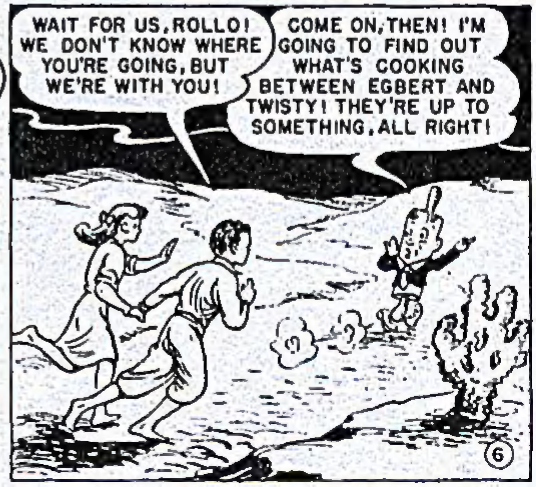
DON'T YOU THINK IT'S TIME WE WERE—UH—MOSEYING ALONG?
OH, EGBERT, YOU'VE BEEN GONE ALL DAY! WHERE ARE YOU GOING, NOW?

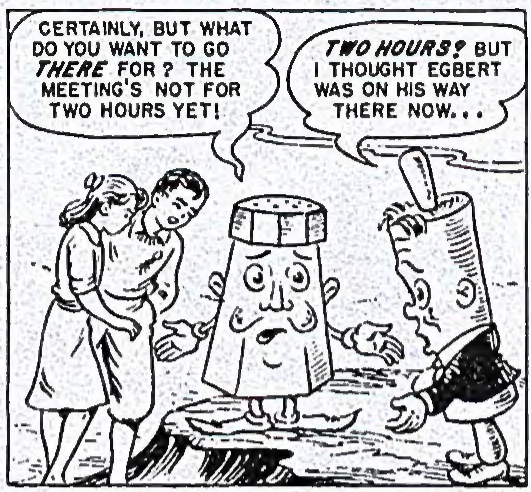

DON'T GET HET UP! IF YOU *MUST* KNOW, WE'RE GOING TO A MEETING OF THE *KITCHEN CABINET!*
WELL, I'VE GOT TO POP ALONG MYSELF! SEE YOU SOON, FOLKS!


TELL ME THE TRUTH SALLY... AREN'T YOU HAPPY?
WELL, I—I DO LOVE EGBERT, BUT SINCE HE'S BEEN MADE CHIEF OF POLICE, HE'S ALWAYS CROSS WITH ME! I THINK IT'S TWISTY'S FAULT! I WISH EGBERT WOULDN'T GO WITH HIM!

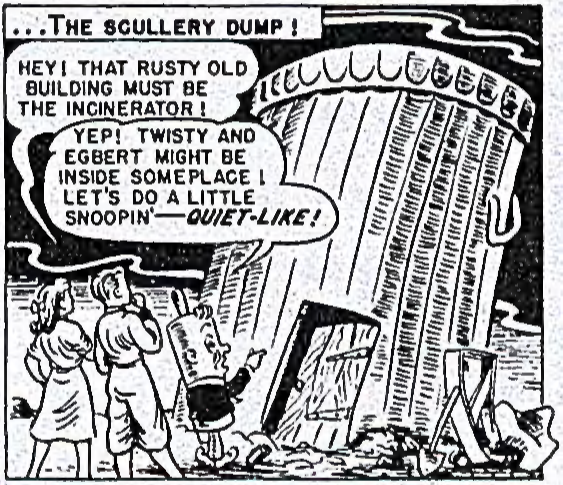
I'LL HAVE TO LEAVE NOW! I'M WANTED ON THE BACK BURNER!
GOODBYE, SALLY! AND DON'T WORRY... EVERYTHING'LL BE ALL RIGHT.

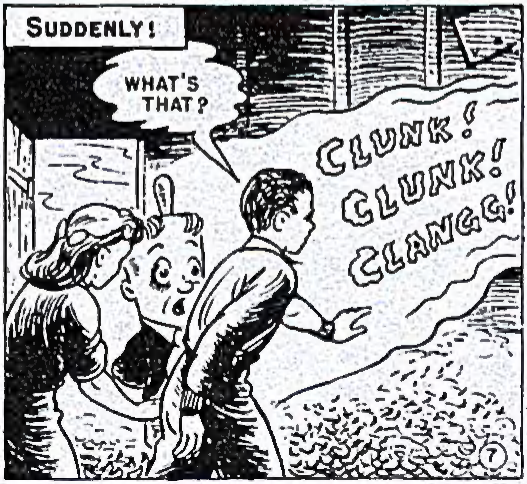

POOR SALLY! SHE OUGHT TO MARRY *YOU*, ROLLO!
WELL, SHE'S ENGAGED TO EGBERT. I CAN'T DO MUCH ABOUT THAT—BUT THERE'S ONE THING I CAN DO FOR HER—AND BY GOLLY, I'M GOING TO DO IT!

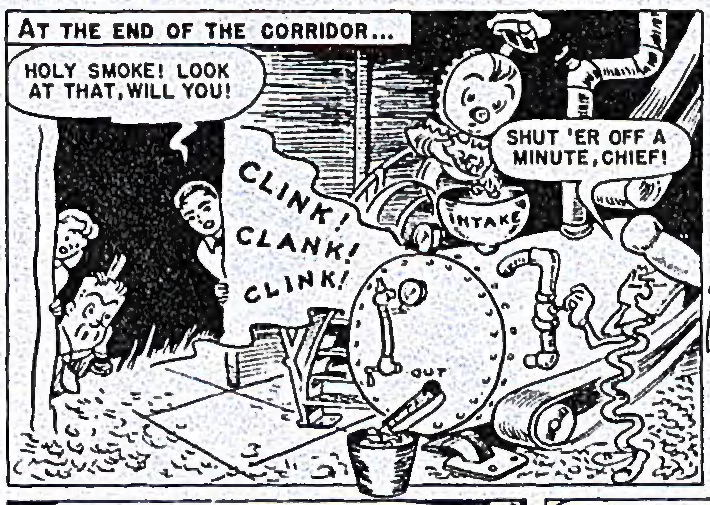

WAIT FOR US, ROLLO! WE DON'T KNOW WHERE YOU'RE GOING, BUT WE'RE WITH YOU!
COME ON, THEN! I'M GOING TO FIND OUT WHAT'S COOKING BETWEEN EGBERT AND TWISTY! THEY'RE UP TO SOMETHING, ALL RIGHT!

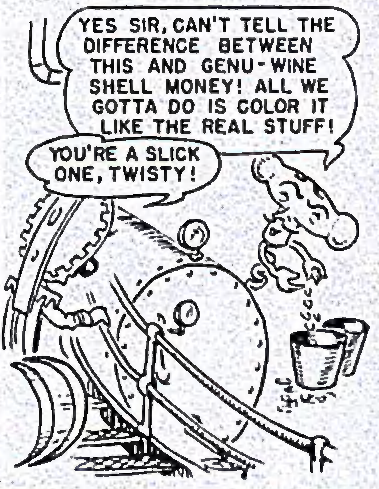


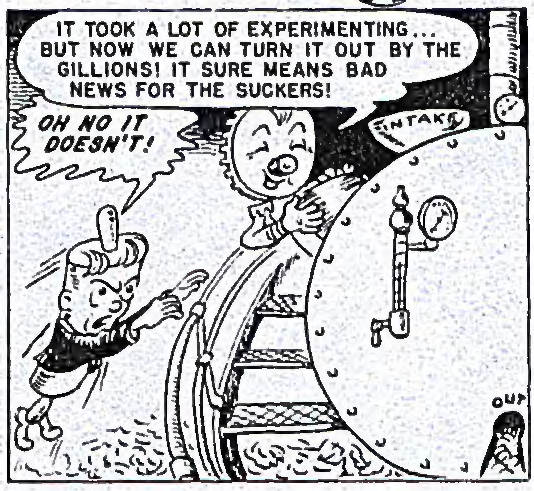
WITH ROLLO LEADING THE WAY THEY SOON REACH...






AT THE END OF THE CORRIDOR...
HOLY SMOKE! LOOK AT THAT, WILL YOU!
SHUT 'ER OFF A MINUTE, CHIEF!
CLINK! CLANK! CLINK!
INTAKE
OUT


YES SIR, CAN'T TELL THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THIS AND GENU-WINE SHELL MONEY! ALL WE GOTTA DO IS COLOR IT LIKE THE REAL STUFF!
YOU'RE A SLICK ONE, TWISTY!


IT TOOK A LOT OF EXPERIMENTING... BUT NOW WE CAN TURN IT OUT BY THE GILLIONS! IT SURE MEANS BAD NEWS FOR THE SUCKERS!
OH NO IT DOESN'T!
INTAKE
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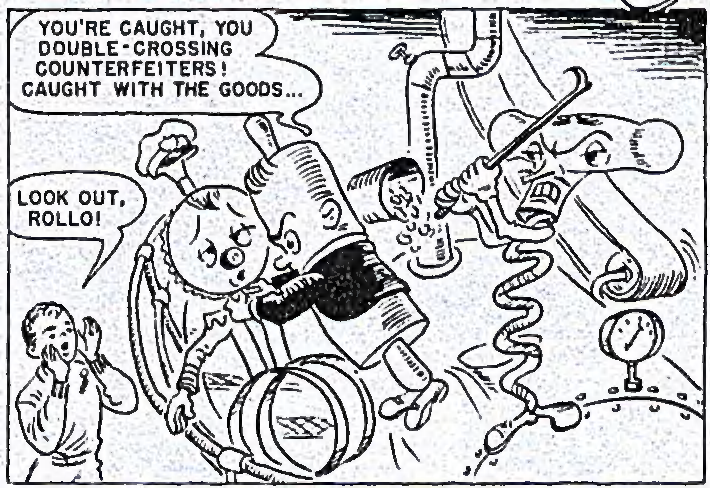
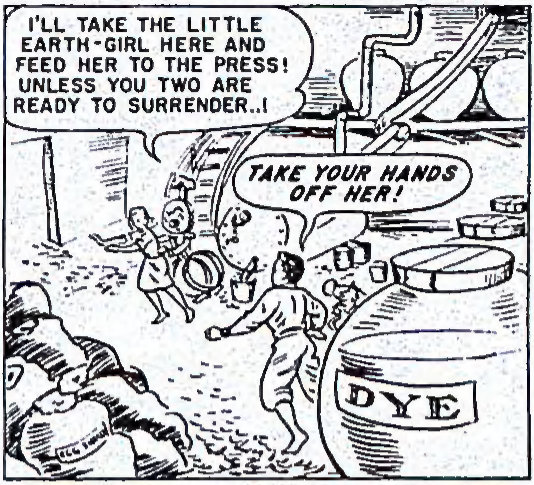
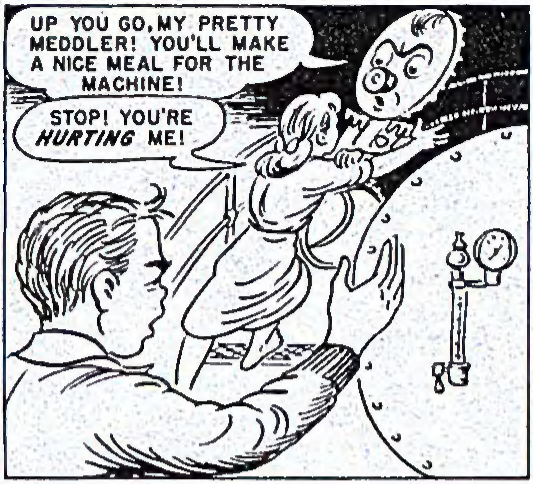
IT MEANS BAD NEWS FOR THE CHIEF OF POLICE!
ROLLO! UGH!


YOU'RE CAUGHT, YOU DOUBLE-CROSSING COUNTERFEITERS! CAUGHT WITH THE GOODS...
LOOK OUT, ROLLO!

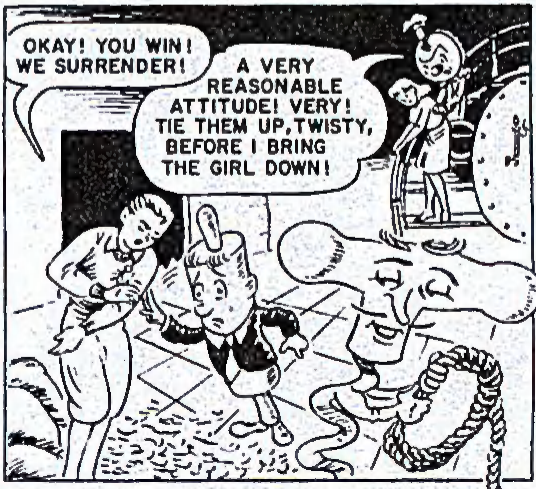
TRY TO HURT ROLLO, EH?
DON'T LET THE EARTH BOY WORRY YOU, TWISTY! I KNOW HOW TO FIX THIS GANG!

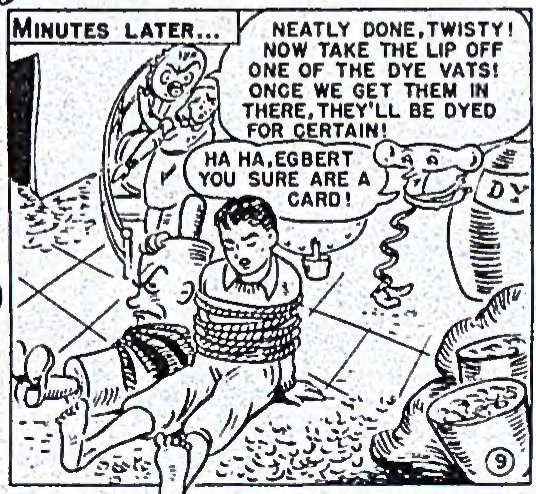

I'LL TAKE THE LITTLE EARTH-GIRL HERE AND FEED HER TO THE PRESS! UNLESS YOU TWO ARE READY TO SURRENDER..!
TAKE YOUR HANDS OFF HER!
DYE

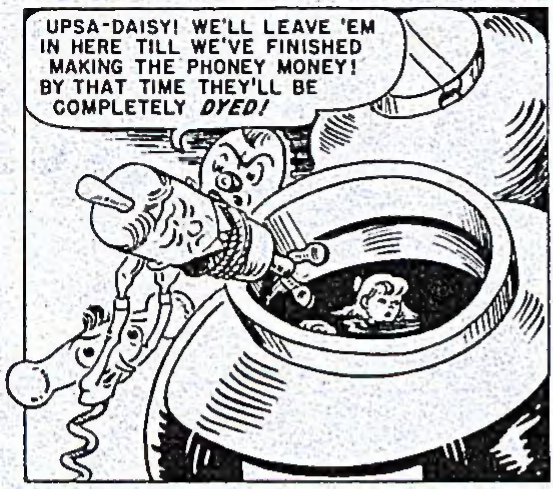

UP YOU GO, MY PRETTY MEDDLER! YOU'LL MAKE A NICE MEAL FOR THE MACHINE!
STOP! YOU'RE HURTING ME!

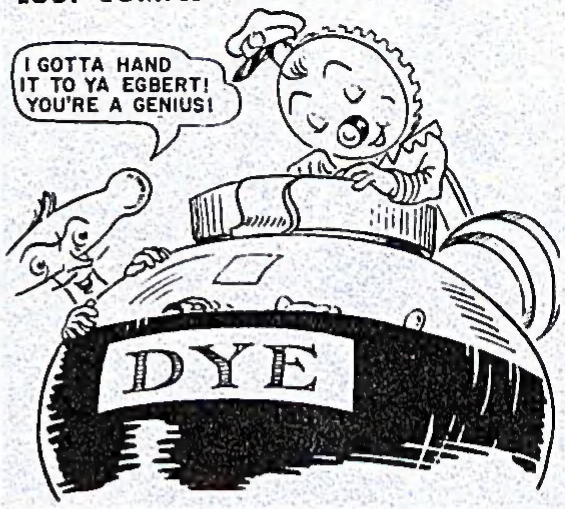
LET GO OF HER, YOU... AGGH!
TAKE CARE OF HIM, TWISTY! HE'S ON HIS WAY DOWN... HA!

WOW! THAT EGG-BEATER'S GOT A LOT OF STRENGTH!
WHADDYA SAY, FRIENDS? GIVE UP? IF NOT, I SHOVE HER RIGHT IN HERE!


OKAY! YOU WIN! WE SURRENDER!
A VERY REASONABLE ATTITUDE! VERY! TIE THEM UP, TWISTY, BEFORE I BRING THE GIRL DOWN!


MINUTES LATER...
NEATLY DONE, TWISTY! NOW TAKE THE LIP OFF ONE OF THE DYE VATS! ONCE WE GET THEM IN THERE, THEY'LL BE DYED FOR CERTAIN!
HA HA, EGBERT YOU SURE ARE A CARD!
DY


UPSA-DAISY! WE'LL LEAVE 'EM IN HERE TILL WE'VE FINISHED MAKING THE PHONEY MONEY! BY THAT TIME THEY'LL BE COMPLETELY *DYED!*


I GOTTA HAND IT TO YA EGBERT! YOU'RE A GENIUS!
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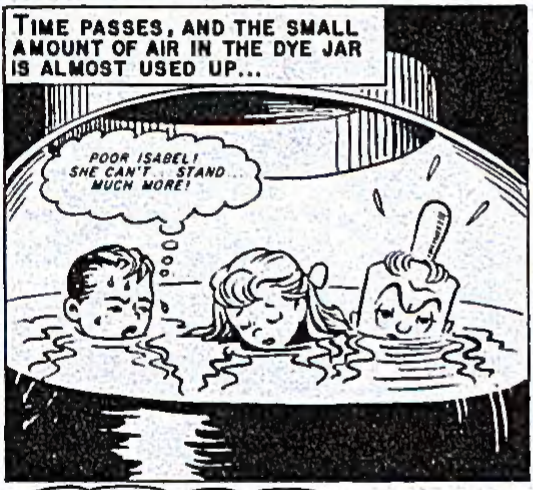
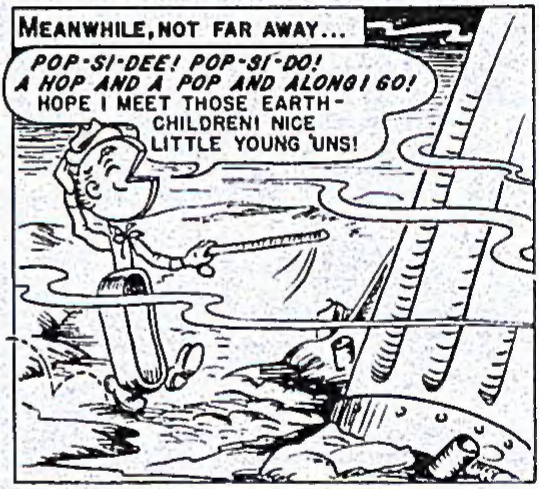
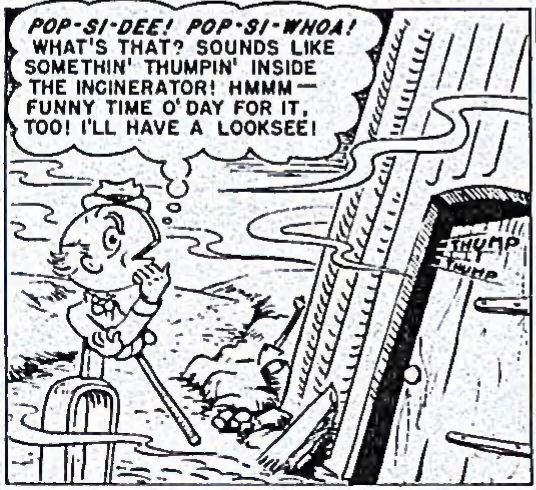
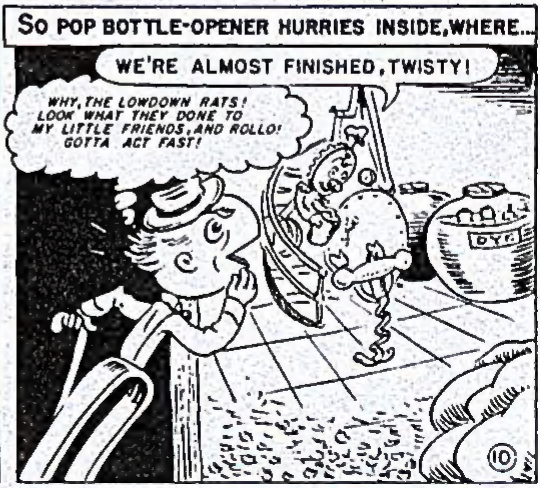
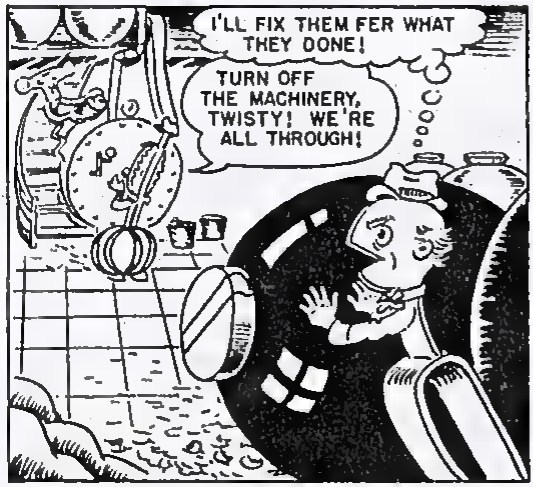
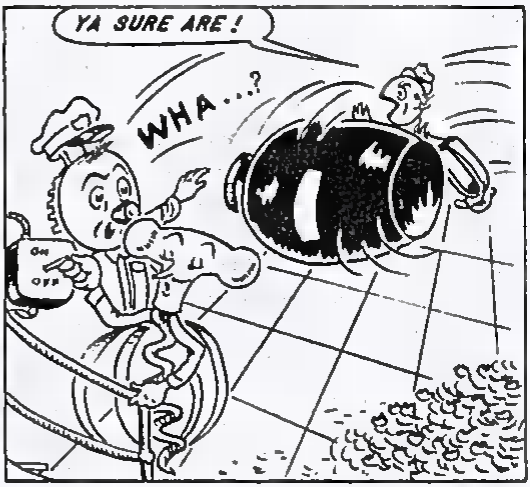

TIME PASSES, AND THE SMALL AMOUNT OF AIR IN THE DYE JAR IS ALMOST USED UP...
POOR ISABEL! SHE CAN'T... STAND MUCH MORE!

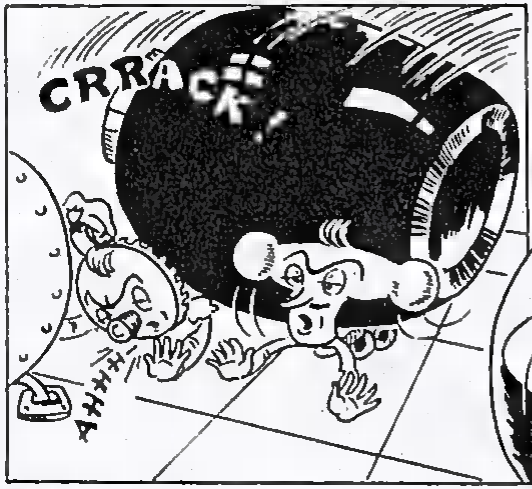

MEANWHILE, NOT FAR AWAY...
*POP-SI-DEE! POP-SI-DO! A HOP AND A POP AND ALONG I GO!* HOPE I MEET THOSE EARTH-CHILDREN! NICE LITTLE YOUNG 'UNS!


*POP-SI-DEE! POP-SI-WHOA!* WHAT'S THAT? SOUNDS LIKE SOMETHIN' THUMPIN' INSIDE THE INCINERATOR! HMMM— FUNNY TIME O' DAY FOR IT, TOO! I'LL HAVE A LOOKSEE!
THUMP
THUMP


SO POP BOTTLE-OPENER HURRIES INSIDE, WHERE...
WE'RE ALMOST FINISHED, TWISTY!
*WHY, THE LOWDOWN RATS! LOOK WHAT THEY DONE TO MY LITTLE FRIENDS, AND ROLLO! GOTTA ACT FAST!*
DYE


I'LL FIX THEM FER WHAT THEY DONE!
TURN OFF THE MACHINERY, TWISTY! WE'RE ALL THROUGH!


YA SURE ARE!
WHA...?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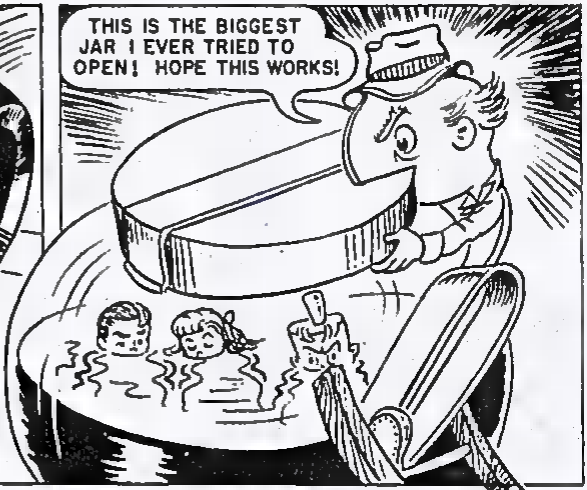
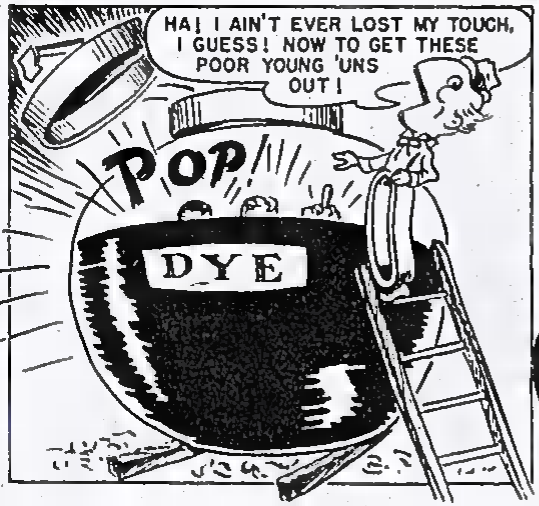
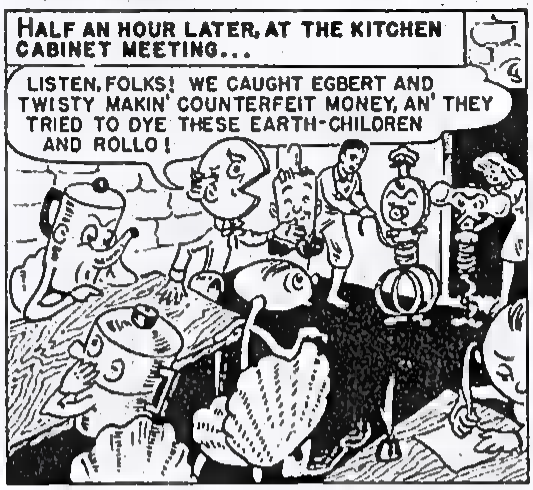
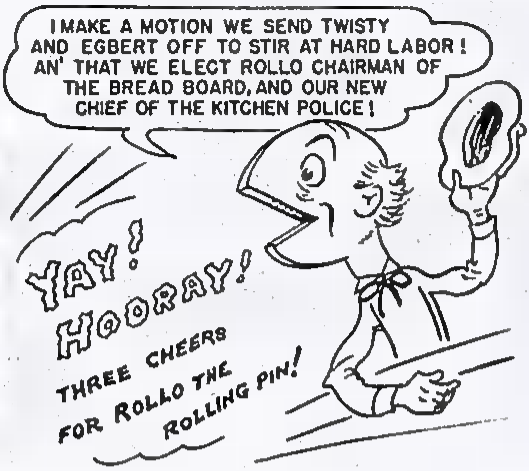
AHHH

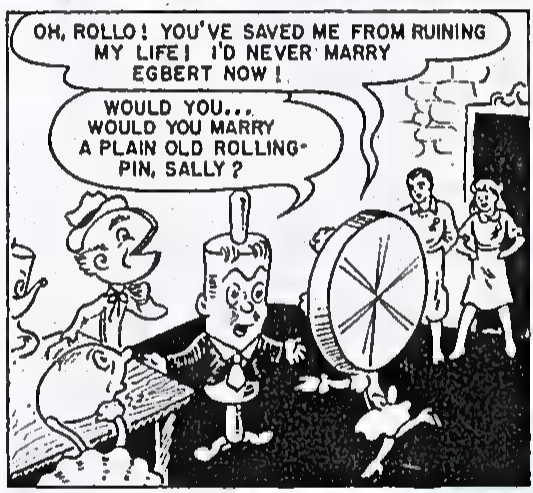

THIS IS THE BIGGEST JAR I EVER TRIED TO OPEN! HOPE THIS WORKS!


HA! I AIN'T EVER LOST MY TOUCH, I GUESS! NOW TO GET THESE POOR YOUNG 'UNS OUT!
POP!
DYE

HASTILY, THE THREE ESCAPE FROM THE DYE JAR...
GOLLY! YOU SAVED OUR LIVES, POP! AND OUR LOOKS—ANOTHER MINUTE AND WE'D HAVE BEEN DYED FOR SURE!
SHUCKS! WASN'T HARD FOR OLD POP, BILLY! NOW LET'S HUSTLE THESE TWO RASCALS DOWN TO THE KITCHEN CABINET MEETING!
DYE


HALF AN HOUR LATER, AT THE KITCHEN CABINET MEETING...
LISTEN, FOLKS! WE CAUGHT EGBERT AND TWISTY MAKIN' COUNTERFEIT MONEY, AN' THEY TRIED TO DYE THESE EARTH-CHILDREN AND ROLLO!


I MAKE A MOTION WE SEND TWISTY AND EGBERT OFF TO STIR AT HARD LABOR! AN' THAT WE ELECT ROLLO CHAIRMAN OF THE BREAD BOARD, AND OUR NEW CHIEF OF THE KITCHEN POLICE!
YAY! HOORAY!
THREE CHEERS FOR ROLLO THE ROLLING PIN!


OH, ROLLO! YOU'VE SAVED ME FROM RUINING MY LIFE! I'D NEVER MARRY EGBERT NOW!
WOULD YOU... WOULD YOU MARRY A PLAIN OLD ROLLING-PIN, SALLY?

WOULD!! YOU DON'T HAVE TO ASK ME TWICE, ROLLO!
G-GOSH!!

WE'VE GOT TO BE GOING NOW. SEE YOU AGAIN SOMETIME!
GOODBYE, EARTH-CHILDREN! COME BACK ANY TIME!

MY, THAT WAS AN EXCITING ADVENTURE, WASN'T IT, BILLY?
IT SURE WAS, ISABEL! AND IT ENDED ALL RIGHT FOR ROLLO, THE ROLLING-PIN TOO! HE'S HEAD MAN IN KITCHENVILLE NOW— AND HE GOT HIMSELF A SWELL DISH, TOO!

# Land of the Lost

WHETHER IT'S KITCHENVILLE THEY'RE VISITING, OR THE LAND OF LOST SHOES, A NEW AND THRILLING ADVENTURE AWAITS ISABEL AND HER BROTHER BILLY EVERY TIME THEY VISIT THE *LAND OF THE LOST*. ALL THEY NEED IS THEIR MAGIC SEAWEED (SO THEY CAN BREATHE UNDER WATER), AND THEIR GOOD FRIEND, RED LANTERN, TO GUIDE THEM.

BUT THIS TIME, IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'LL *NEVER* GET BACK TO LAND, FOR THEY'VE RUN RIGHT INTO THAT VILLAINOUS CROCODILE, *MUGGER*, IN THE STORY OF

## THE CROCODILE'S DEN!

OLIVE BAILLY

YOU KNOW MY SPECIAL SPRING TONIC I PUT UP EVERY YEAR? I GOT A LONG LIST OF ORDERS... BUT I CAN'T FILL 'EM THIS YEAR! CAN'T GET ANY SWAMPROOT TO PUT IN THE TONIC!
SWAMPROOT?

YES—I'M HELPLESS WITHOUT IT.
THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT IT— SO WHAT AM I GOING TO DO? MY PATIENTS ARE AILING, MY BUSINESS IS FAILING— OH, WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?

BUT, SWAMPROOT GROWS THE GREAT CYPRESS SWAMP...
YES, BUT I CAN'T TRAIPSE THAT FAR WITH THIS BIG SHELL ON MY BACK! BESIDES, THAT'S CROCODILE COUNTRY, YOU KNOW...

FINS AND FIDDLESTICKS! THEY'RE GOOD-NATURED CROCODILES! THAT'S WHERE OUR OLD FRIEND WEEPING WILLIE HAILS FROM! WE'LL GET YOUR SWAMPROOT FOR YOU!
OH! BOY LET'S GO!

CHEERIO! WE'LL BRING BACK ENOUGH SWAMPROOT TO DOSE EVERY SICK DENIZEN IN THE KINGDOM!
GOODBYE, RED LANTERN! BUT DON'T FORGET MY WARNING! WATCH OUT FOR THE CROCODILES!

RED LANTERN CATCHES THE SOUTH-BOUND CURRENT WITH ISABEL AND BILLY. A HALF HOUR LATER...
HEADS UP, TADPOLES! WE'RE RIGHT AT THE MOUTH OF OOZY RIVER!
JIMINY! LOOK OUT!

SSSH, LOOK AT THAT FLOCK OF CROCODILES—FAST ASLEEP!
DON'T WHISPER, MISTER. WE-ALL AIN'T ASLEEP—WE'RE JUST GETTIN' OUR SUNTAN!

SORRY TO DISTURB YOU, FRIENDS—BUT COULD YOU TELL US WHERE TO FIND WEEPING WILLIE?
HE'S AT THE DENTIST'S THIS MORNIN'. DR. TWEAK—OF MOLAR CREEK—FIRST STREAM TO THE LEFT...

'BYE NOW. GIVE MY LOVE TO EUPHEMIA!
EUPHEMIA? WHO'S THAT, I WONDER?

THAT'S THE HOUSE, RED LANTERN!
NICE SCOUTING, BILLY! BUT LISTEN! ONE OF THE SATISFIED CUSTOMERS, NO DOUBT!
EEEEEOW! STOP YOU'RE KILLING ME!

INSIDE...
GET IN LINE THERE, STRANGERS—YOU'LL HAVE TO WAIT YOUR TURN! FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED!
BUT WE DON'T WANT TO SEE DR. TWEAK! WE'RE LOOKING FOR WEEPING WILLIE!

WILLIE'S INSIDE WITH THE DOC—THE LUCKY FELLER!
LUCKY?
GRRRNNN

UH-HUH, EUPHEMIA'S PROBABLY HOLDING HIS HAND RIGHT NOW! WHAT A LITTLE CROC-A-DILLY SHE IS!
SHE'S THE RECEPTIONIST HERE! WITH HER AROUND, EVEN A FILLING IS THRILLING!
DR. TWEAK

AH'M EUPHEMIA, THE CROCODILE— MAH GRANDMOTHER CAME FROM THE RIVER NILE
IT'S MAH NATURE TO BEGUILE, AND THE PATIENTS SEEM TO LIKE MAH STYLE!

AHEM! BEG PARDON, EUPHEMIA—BUT WE'D LIKE TO TALK TO WEEPING WILLIE! HOW LONG WILL IT BE?
OH, YOU-ALL CAN COME RIGHT IN--- DR. TWEAK'S JUST ABOUT FINISHED WITH HIM....

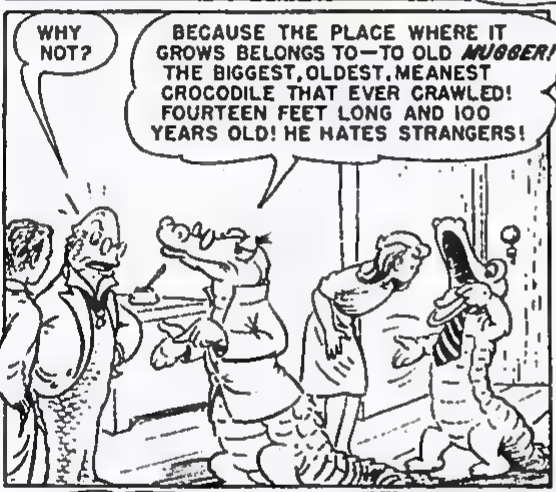
OH MY GOODNESS! LOOK AT POOR WILLIE!
OPEN WIDER, WILLIE— JUST A LEETLE BIT WIDER...

THERE! DIDN'T HURT A BIT, DID IT?
ANGGG-
GANGGG-
GANGGG-

OOOOH, MY JAW.... SAY! IT'S RED LANTERN AND THE EARTH KIDS! WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE?
WE CAME TO SEE YOU, WILLIE! YOU'VE GOT TO HELP US!

MISS EUPHEMIA—HAND WILLIE THE BOTTLE! IF THE PAIN RETURNS, JUST REMOVE THE CORK AND TAKE A SNIFF—*ONE* SNIFF!
ONE SNIFF, AND THE PAIN WILL GO AWAY, EH?

BY THE WAY, DR. TWEAK, SPEAKING OF REMEDIES—I'M IN THE MARKET FOR SWAMPROOT...
SWAMPROOT? WELL, IT DOES GROW AROUND HERE—BUT YOU FOLKS HAVEN'T GOT A CHANCE OF BUYING ANY!


WHY NOT?
BECAUSE THE PLACE WHERE IT GROWS BELONGS TO—TO OLD *MUGGER!* THE BIGGEST, OLDEST, MEANEST CROCODILE THAT EVER CRAWLED! FOURTEEN FEET LONG AND 100 YEARS OLD! HE HATES STRANGERS!

KIPPER MY FLIPPERS! I'M NOT ASKING OLD MUGGER TO *LIKE* ME—I JUST WANT TO DO BUSINESS WITH HIM. NOW IF *YOU'LL* ACT AS OUR GUIDE, WILLIE...
*WILLIE?* GO ANYWHERE NEAH OLD MUGGER? HA-HA, HE'D BE SCARED SILLY!

YOU'RE CUTE, WILLIE, BUT IT'D TAKE A REAL HE-CROCODILE TO GO INTO THAT SLIMEY OLE SWAMP!
OH YEAH? WELL I'LL SHOW YOU, EUPHEMIA—SIZE AIN'T EVERYTHING! IF RED LANTERN'S NOT AFRAID, I'M NOT EITHER! COME ON, FOLKS—FOLLOW ME!

ONE HOUR LATER IN A DISTANT SWAMP...
WE'RE IN MUGGER'S TERRITORY NOW—THE NEVERGLADES! THEY CALL 'EM THAT BECAUSE SO MANY PEOPLE COME IN HERE AND *NEVER* COME OUT!
G-GOLLY!

SUDDENLY!
ARRRRGH!
GRACIOUS! W-WHAT'S THAT?
CROCODILES, ISABEL! AND FROM HERE ON, RIGHT TO MUGGER'S DEN, EVERY CROC WE MEET A MEAN ONE!
ARRGH!
THEY MAY BE MEAN, BUT THEY'RE AWFULLY SMALL! WE CAN HANDLE THEM!
RED LANTERN, WHAT'LL I DO? HE'S TRYING TO BITE!
DO? WHY JUST HANDLE HIM LIKE YOU'D HANDLE ANY CANTANKEROUS YOUNG 'UN! HERE, I'LL SHOW YOU!
ARRRGH!
YOU JUST SPANK 'IM! LIKE THIS, BILLY!
THAT'LL DO IT ALL RIGHT!
OFF YOU GO, YOUNG FELLOW! YOU'VE GOT A LOT OF MANNERS TO LEARN!
JUST LIKE A NAUGHTY BOY!
EEEEE!
LET'S HURRY! IF WE MEET ANY MORE CROCS NOW, THEY'LL BE GIANT MAN-EATERS! FASTER, FASTER!
EEEEEE! R-RED LANTERN!
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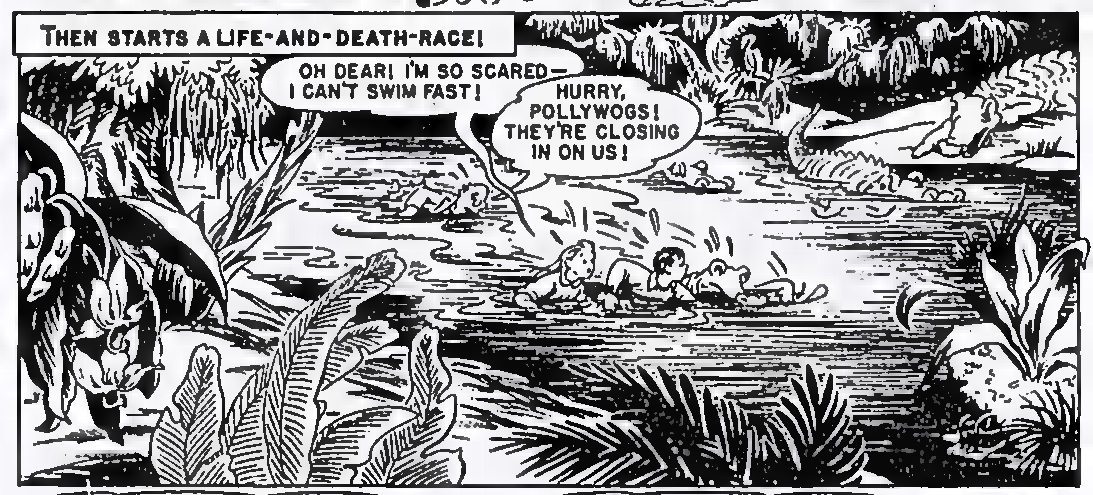
LOOK—OVER THERE! TWO B-BIG CROCODILES!
EEEAGGH!
LEAPING LIZARDS! NO USE TRYING TO PADDLE OUR WAY OUT OF HERE! JUMP AND WE'LL SWIM FOR SHORE!

YOU GO FIRST, TADPOLES! I'LL FOLLOW BEHIND AND TRY TO COVER YOUR TRAIL!
SPLASH!


THEN STARTS A LIFE-AND-DEATH-RACE!
OH DEAR! I'M SO SCARED—I CAN'T SWIM FAST!
HURRY, POLLYWOGS! THEY'RE CLOSING IN ON US!

YOU'LL NEVER MAKE IT THAT WAY! HOP ON AND I'LL TAKE YOU ASHORE!
YOU'RE A LIFE-SAVER, WILLIE!

THERE WE ARE! EASY DOES IT!
RED LANTERN! WE'VE GOT TO HELP HIM!

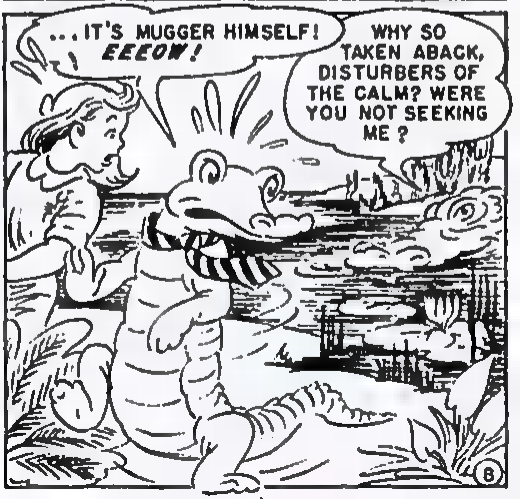
GIVE ME A LIFT OUT, WILLIE! THESE BABIES MEAN BUSINESS!
HANG ON, RED, AND I'LL SWING YOU ASHORE!

WATCH IT, RED!

WHEW! SNATCHED FROM THE VERY JAWS OF DEATH—CROCODILE DEATH!
ELEAGGGH!
THEY DON'T DARE COME ON LAND AFTER US. THEY KNOW IT'S MUGGER'S TERRITORY—AND HE'D FINISH THEM OFF QUICK!

YOU—YOU MEAN MUGGER'S WORSE THAN THEY ARE?
OH, COMPARED TO MUGGER, THEY'RE MILD! BUT CAREFUL NOW— MUGGER'S POOL IS NEAR THAT BIG STAGNANT POND UP AHEAD!
SSSH! LET'S CREEP UP QUIETLY!

LOOK AT THAT LOG IN THE WATER! IT HAS BUMPS ON IT!
THAT'S--THAT'S N-NO LOG, ISABEL! IT— IT'S....
GULP!


...IT'S MUGGER HIMSELF! EEEOW!
WHY SO TAKEN ABACK, DISTURBERS OF THE CALM? WERE YOU NOT SEEKING ME?

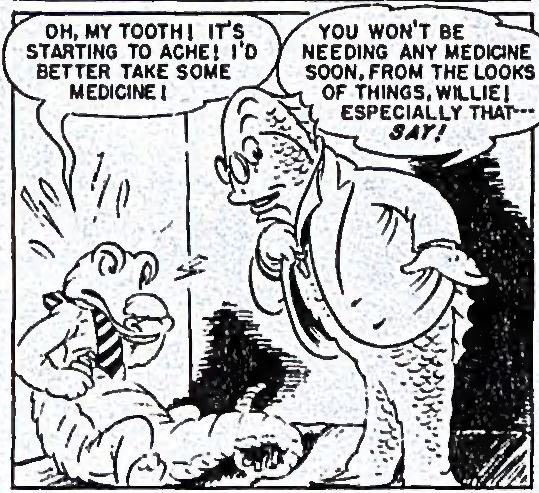
WE'RE HERE ON BUSINESS, SIR! I'D LIKE TO BUY SOME SWAMP-ROOT FROM YOU — FOR MEDICAL PURPOSES....
BAH! YOU'LL GET NONE FROM ME!
SPLASHING INTO MY PRIVATE PROPERTY — WAKING ME OUT OF A THREE-MONTH'S NAP — INSULTING MY SENTRIES BACK THERE!
BUT YOU CAN GO BACK TO SLEEP, CAN'T YOU?
COME POLLYWOGS — WE'LL BE GOING!
NOT YET YOU WON'T — COME CLOSER, LITTLE BOY...
I SAID COME CLOSER! WHEN MUGGER COMMANDS, EVERYONE OBEYS!
HELP! HELP ME, PLEASE!
SCARE THE YOUNG 'UN, WILL YOU? I'M COMING, BILLY!
LOOK HERE, MUGGER! I'M RED LANTERN, FROM KING FIND-ALL'S COURT! YOU WON'T GET AWAY WITH THIS!
SURROUNDED! ORDER THEM TO GIVE US SAFE PASSAGE, MUGGER — AT ONCE!
OH NO, MY FRIEND! YOU ARE ALL GOING TO STAY FOR DINNER — MY DINNER!
EEEARRGH!

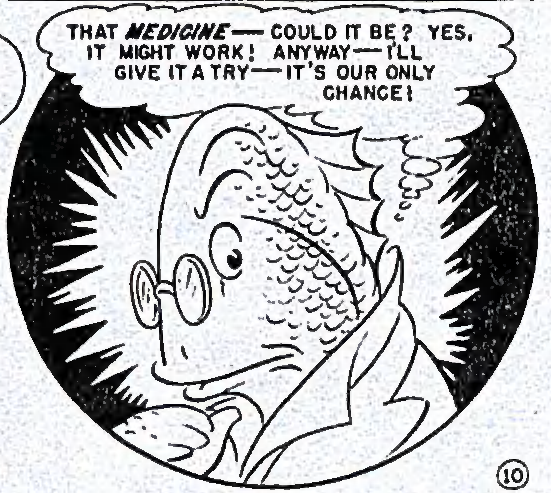
I'M TIRED OF EATING MUD-HEN... YOU'LL MAKE AN APPETIZING CHANGE! GET MOVING!
HOW DARE YOU! THESE CHILDREN ARE UNDER MY PROTECTION! TAKE *ME*, BUT LET *THEM* GO....

CLOSE IN, YOU OF THE ARMORED GUARD! THIS WAY INTO MY DEN!
WE'RE RIGHT BEHIND YOU, MUGGER!

STOP, MUGGER! YOU CAN'T MAKE A MEAL OF US! THERE'S PLENTY OF FOOD IN THE SWAMP!
SO THERE IS—BUT A CROCODILE IS NEVER QUITE FULL! HOWEVER, I MAY SAVE *YOU* FOR TOMORROW!

ME TOO! DON'T EAT ME, MR. MUGGER— PLEASE DON'T!
*YOU!* THERE'S NOT ENOUGH OF YOU TO MAKE A DECENT HANDBAG! GO SIT IN THE CORNER!


OH, MY TOOTH! IT'S STARTING TO ACHE! I'D BETTER TAKE SOME MEDICINE!
YOU WON'T BE NEEDING ANY MEDICINE SOON, FROM THE LOOKS OF THINGS, WILLIE! ESPECIALLY THAT--- *SAY!*

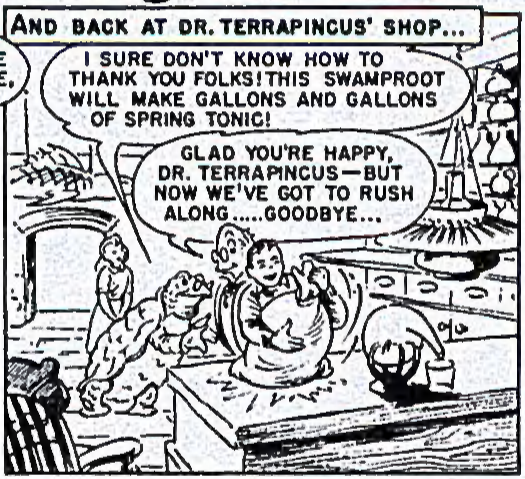

THAT *MEDICINE*— COULD IT BE? YES, IT MIGHT WORK! ANYWAY— I'LL GIVE IT A TRY— IT'S OUR ONLY CHANCE!

PUT THAT BOTTLE AWAY, WILLIE! DO YOU WANT MUGGER TO SEE IT?
WHY NOT? IT'S ONLY TOOTHACHE MEDICINE!
HUH?
SO YOU CALL IT TOOTHACHE MEDICINE, HUH? AFRAID MUGGER WILL TAKE SOME, EH?
SAY, WHAT'S GOIN' ON? GIMME THAT BOTTLE!
B-BUT IT'S ONLY FOR MY TOOTHACHE.... OWWW!
LIE TO ME, WILL YA? I'LL FIND OUT WHAT IT IS, MYSELF!
WHATEVER YOU DO, MUGGER— DON'T OPEN THAT BOTTLE!
QUIET, YOU! I'LL SEE FOR MYSELF!
CAN'T HURT TO TAKE A WHIFF OF IT....HA!
SNIFF!
POP!
SMELLS FUNNY! AH, HA HA! OH HA HA HA! HEE HEE!
WHEW! I GUESSED RIGHT! THAT BOTTLE DR. TWEAK GAVE WILLIE CONTAINED—LAUGHING GAS! LOOKS LIKE IT'S DOING MUGGER SOME GOOD!

FOR FIFTEEN MINUTES STRAIGHT, MUGGER LAUGHS. THEN...
OH MY, OH MY, I HAVEN'T LAUGHED LIKE THIS IN A HUNDRED YEARS! THAT'S WONDERFUL STUFF! WORTH ALL THE SWAMPROOT IN THE NEVERGLADES!
DO YOU MEAN THAT, MUGGER?

DO I? I'LL GIVE YOU ALL THE SWAMPROOT YOU WANT IF YOU'LL JUST GET ME SOME MORE OF THAT MEDECINE!
IT'S A DEAL! GIVE US A BALE OF SWAMPROOT NOW— AND WE'LL BE BACK NEXT YEAR WITH PLENTY OF IT!

AND SO, A LITTLE LATER...
WEEPIN' WILLIE, AH DECLARE! YO' SHUAH ARE A BRAVE FELLAH, AFTER ALL!
SMACK!
AW, SHUCKS, EUPHEMIA.
GOODNESS! WILLIE'S ALMOST THE SAME COLOR YOU ARE, RED LANTERN!


AND BACK AT DR. TERRAPINCUS' SHOP...
I SURE DON'T KNOW HOW TO THANK YOU FOLKS! THIS SWAMPROOT WILL MAKE GALLONS AND GALLONS OF SPRING TONIC!
GLAD YOU'RE HAPPY, DR. TERRAPINCUS—BUT NOW WE'VE GOT TO RUSH ALONG.....GOODBYE...

IT'S ALMOST FIVE O'CLOCK! I'VE GOT TO HAVE YOU TADPOLES SAFE ON THE DOCK IN JUST ONE MINUTE!
THIS IS ONE TIME I DON'T MIND GETTING HOME, RED LANTERN! WE'VE HAD ENOUGH EXCITEMENT FOR ONE DAY!

AND WHEN THEY REACH LAND ONCE MORE...
GOODBYE, RED LANTERN! WHEN WILL YOU COME TO TAKE US TO THE LAND OF THE LOST AGAIN?
I'LL BE BACK SOON, TADPOLES— AND IN THE MEANTIME, SMOOTH SAILING!